

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A method of booking, comprising:
2 entering at least one booking query at an ATM interface by a customer;
3 gathering selected booking information in response to the booking query and displaying gathered
4 booking information at ATM 12 interface;
5 selecting a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the customer at ATM 12
6 interface; and
7 receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at ATM 12 interface.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein ATM includes a display screen and function display
2 keys.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 registering the customer with a host.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the host gathers the selected booking information.
- 1 5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:
2 directing the gathered booking information by the host to ATM.
- 1 6. The method of claim 3, wherein the customer completes a customer profile upon
2 registration with the host.
- 1 7. The method of claim 3, wherein the booking as an airline ticket booking.
- 1 8. The method of claim 3, wherein the booking is selected from at least one of, stocks, fixed
2 deposit investments, gaming, a musical event, , sporting event and a theatrical production.
- 1 9. The method of claim 7, further comprising:
2 displaying a list of departure cities by the host at ATM 12 in response to a request by the
3 customer to book an airline ticket.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 selecting by the customer at ATM a city a departure city from the list of departure cities.
- 1 11. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 displaying a list of destination cities by the host at the ATM.

- 1 12. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 selecting a class of travel by the customer at the ATM.
- 1 13. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 selecting a type of travel by the customer at the ATM defined as one way, round way and
3 multiple stop over.
- 1 14. The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 displaying an itinerary by the host of the airline ticket booking at the ATM.
- 1 15. The method of claim 14, wherein the itinerary is editable by the customer.
- 1 16. The method of claim 14, further comprising:
2 checking availability of the itinerary of the airline booking by the host.
- 1 17. The method of claim 16, further comprising:
2 displaying availability of the itinerary of the airline booking by the host at the ATM.
- 1 18. The method of claim 17., further comprising:
2 booking the itinerary of the airline booking by the customer at the ATM.
- 1 19. The method of claim 18, further comprising:
2 entering a method of payment for the itinerary of the airline booking by the customer at the ATM.
- 1 20. The method of claim 1, wherein entered selected booking information airline travel
2 information is selected from at least one of, a departure city, a destination city, and a class of travel.
- 1 21. The method of claim 1, wherein the gathered booking information includes airline travel
2 information selected at least one of, a departure city from a list of departure cities, a destination city from
3 a list of destination cities, class of travel, and a fare.
- 1 22. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 formatting the at least one booking query by the host system as a string of commands that the
3 provider system can interact with;
4 creating a first response to the booking query by the provider system;
5 sorting the first response by the host system to create the gather information; and
6 providing the gathered booking information to the ATM for review by the customer.

1 23. The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking
2 information is provides a confirmation between an airline and a customer.

1 24. The method of claim 1, wherein the booking selected is an airline booking.

1 25. The method of claim 1, wherein the booking selected is selected from at least one of,
2 travel arrangements, airline tickets, purchase and/or sale of stocks and other equities, purchase and sale of
3 fixed deposit investments, gaming, musical events, sporting events, theatrical productions and media
4 subscriptions.

1 26. The method of claim 1, wherein the gathered booking information includes a plurality of
2 airline flight schedules and a plurality of airline fares.

1 27. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 entering a customer identifier at the ATM prior to entering the desired booking information.

1 28. The method of claim 1, wherein the booking is a book and hold.

1 29. The method of claim 1, wherein the booking is a book and issue.
2 providing a help line to assist in bookings.

1 30. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 debiting an account of the customer for purchased bookings.

1 31. The method of claim 30, further comprising:
2 reversing debiting of the account if the purchased bookings are cancelled within a guideline.

1 32. The method of claim 30, wherein the account of the customer is selected from at least one
2 of a checking account, savings account and a credit card account.

1 33. The method of claim 1, wherein selecting the booking creates a transaction between the
2 customer and a booking provider.

1 34. The method of claim 33, further comprising:
2 reversing the booking.

1 35. The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of selected gathered booking
2 information includes a travel itinerary.

1 36. The method of claim 1, wherein the confirmation of selected gathered booking
2 information includes an option to purchase or cancel.

1 37. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 selecting by the customer a financial institution for payment of purchased bookings.

1 38. A system for booking, comprising:
2 an ATM interface;
3 a host system coupled to the ATM interface;
4 a product provider system coupled to the host system, wherein in response to a booking query
5 received by the host system from a customer, the host system queries the product provider system, and the
6 product provider system provides responses to the host system relative to the queries.; and
7 a financial service system coupled to the host system.

1 39. The system of claim 38, wherein the product system includes at least one product
2 provider system server and at least one product provider system database, and the host system includes at
3 least one host system server and at least one host system database.

1 40. The system of claim 39, wherein the product provider system database includes listings
2 of at least one of, airline boarding cities, airline destination cities, airlines, flight numbers, times of airline
3 departures and airline fares.

1 41. The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes received customer
2 information and access codes to the product provider system database.

1 42. The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes customer profiles.

1 43. The system of claim 39, wherein in response to a customer selecting booking information
2 the host system is configured to provide availability and booking information.

1 44. The system of claim 39, wherein the host system is configured to,
2 receive a booking request from a customer, send at least a portion of the request to a centralized
3 reservation system, receives data relative to the booking request from the centralized reservation system,
4 and filter at least a portion of the data received from the centralized reservation system.

1 45. The system of claim 39, wherein the host system database includes information about
2 airlines flight schedules, airline flight routes, airline flight departure and arrival times, and fares.

1 46. The system of claim 39, wherein in response to a customer booking query, host system is
2 configured to route the query to a reservations server.

1 47. The system of claim 46, wherein host system sorts data that is polled in response to the
2 query and produces a booking output.

1 48. The system of claim 47, wherein host system attaches fares with the booking output.

1 49. The system of claim 38, wherein the host system and product provider system
2 communication several times in response to a booking query received by the host system from a
3 customer.

1 50. The system of claim 38, wherein the financial service system includes at least one
2 financial service system server and at least one financial service system database.

1 51. The system of claim 50, wherein the financial service system database includes financial
2 information about a customer including customer name, customer account number, customer access code,
3 and a balance of a customer account.

1 52. The system of claim 51, wherein the financial service system database includes financial
2 information including a balance of a host system account.

1 53. A computer based system that enables a customer to executes a booking for a product or
2 service at an ATM, comprising:

3 a first processor that receives a query from a customer at the ATM for booking information
4 relative to a product or service;

5 a second processor coupled to the first processor and to the ATM, the second processor
6 configured to provide a first booking information to the first processor in response to a request made by
7 the second processor to the first processor, the first processor producing a second booking information in
8 response to receipt of the first booking information and forwarding the second booking information to the
9 customer at the ATM; and

10 a third processor coupled to the second processor, the third processor configured to assist in
11 providing financial settlement on behalf of the customer for a purchase made by the customer of a
12 booking, where the purchase of the booking is in response to second booking information.

1 54. The system of claim 53, wherein the first processor is a product provider system
2 processor that includes a database of booking information for at least one product or service.

1 55. The system of claim 54, wherein the second processor is a host system processor.

1 56. The system of claim 55, wherein the third processor is a financial services system
2 processor.

1 57. The system of claim 54, wherein the product provider system database includes listings
2 of airline boarding cities, airline destination cities, airlines, flight numbers, times of airline departures
3 and airline fares.

1 58. The system of claim 53, wherein the first booking information and the second booking in
2 formation are the same.

1 59. The system of claim 53, wherein the first information is received from centralized
2 reservation system and the second information is information that the host system receives from the
3 centralized filtering the information and then filters the information.

1 60. The system of claim 53, wherein the first booking information and the second booking
2 information are different.

1 61. The system of claim 53. wherein the second booking information includes information
2 from the first booking information.

1 62. A method for booking a purchase of a product or service to an ATM comprising:
2 entering at least one booking query at an ATM interface by customer:
3 implementing a gathering of selected booking information in response to the booking
4 query:
5 implementing selection of booking from the displayed gathered booking information by
6 the customer at the ATM interface:
7 implementing receipt of a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at the
8 ATM interface:

1 63. The method of claim 62, further comprising:
2 implementing registration of the customer with a host.

1 64. The method of claim 63 further comprising:
2 implementing the steps of directing the gathered booking information by the host to the ATM.

1 65. The method of claim 62 further comprising:
2 implementing a method of payment for a purchased product or service through the ATM

1 66. An ATM device for booking a purchase of a product or service through an ATM,
2 comprising:
3 a display;
4 an ATM interface coupled to the display;
5 function display keys coupled to the ATM interface; and
6 a computer program that
7 implements a gathering of selected booking information in response to the booking query by a
8 customer;
9 implements selection of a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the
10 customer at the ATM interface; and
11 implements receipt of a confirmation of selected gathered booking information at the ATM
12 interface.

1 67. A computer readable medium having stored thereon instructions which, when executed
2 by a processor, causes the processor to perform:
3 executing a first application including gathering selected booking information in response to the
4 booking query and displaying gathered booking information at the ATM interface;
5 executing a second application including selecting a booking from the displayed gathered
6 booking information by the customer at the ATM interface; and
7 executing a third application including receiving a confirmation of selected gathered booking
8 information at the ATM interface.

1 68. A computer based system that implements bookings in response to a booking query made
2 at an ATM interface by a customer, comprising:
3 a first processor that produces selected booking information in response to the booking query
4 made by a customer at an ATM; and
5 a second processor that selects a booking from the displayed gathered booking information by the
6 customer at the ATM interface, wherein a confirmation of selected gathered booking information is
7 received at the ATM interface.